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For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE SET FOR DETECTING
SALMONELLA, NUCLEIC ACIDS, KIT AND USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 4, line 1, kindly delete "2 or 3,";

In claim 5, line 1, kindly delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;

In claim 6, line 1, kindly delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 7, line 2, kindly delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;

In claim 7, lines 7-8, kindly delete "any one of claims 1, 2 or 3" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;

In claim 9, lines 3, 6, 8 and 11, kindly delete each occurrence of "either" and "or claim 8";

In claim 10, lines 1-2, kindly delete "any one of claims 7 to 9" and substitute therefor --claim 7--;

In claim 11, lines 1-2, kindly delete "any one of claims 7 to 10" and substitute therefor --claim 7--;

In claim 12, lines 1-2, kindly delete "any one of claims 7 to 11" and substitute therefor --claim 7--;

In claim 14, lines 1-2, kindly delete "or claim 13";

In claim 15, lines 4-5, kindly delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;

In claim 15, lines 6-7, kindly delete "any one of claims 7 to 14" and substitute therefor --claim 7--;

In claim 18, lines 1-2, kindly delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;

In claim 18, line 3, kindly delete "any one of claims 7 to 14" and substitute therefor --claim 7--;

In claim 18, line 4, kindly delete "any one of claims 15 to 17" and substitute therefor --claim 15--;

In claim 18, line 7, kindly delete ", 2 or 3";

In claim 21, line 1, kindly delete " 19 or 20,";

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In claim 21, line 6, kindly delete "any one of claims 7 to 14" and substitute therefor --claim 7--;

In claim 21, line 9, kindly delete ", 2 or 3".

REMARKS

The claims of the above-identified application (the claims as amended under Article 34 of the PCT) have been amended to remove all multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, an early examination of the application is respectfully requested.

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